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TAGS: EGEN, OVIP, SA

SUBJECT: U.S. ECONOMIC MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE HFAC NEAR EAST SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
JULY 11 UNDER SECRETARY CASEY MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF  
USG ECONOMIC MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA THIS SUMMER TO DIS-  
CUSS WAYS IN WHICH U.S. COULD ASSIST SAUDIS TO DEVELOP  
THEIR ECONOMY. THIS STATEMENT PICKED UP BY "WASHINGTON  
POST" WHICH ALSO REPORTS UNDER SECRETARY AS EXCLUDING ANY  
POSSIBILITY OF TWO COUNTRIES SIGNING BILATERAL AGREEMENT  
FOR OIL SUPPLIES SINCE USG BELIEVES SUCH ACCORDS ARE  
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COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

2. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN JULY 12 BRIEFING, BUT QUESTION DID NOT COME  
UP. QUOTE:

QUESTION: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE U.S. MISSION TO  
SAUDI ARABIA WHICH UNDER SECRETARY CASEY MENTIONED  
YESTERDAY IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS NEAR EAST SUBCOMMITTEE?

ANSWER: WELL, OBVIOUSLY WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY LOOKING AT  
ALL ASPECTS OF HOW WE MIGHT STRENGTHEN OUR  
ASSOCIATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONS  
OF THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA.  
AS MR. CASEY INDICATED YESTERDAY, THE IDEA OF  
AN ECONOMIC MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA IS ONE  
IDEA UNDER CONSIDERATION; HOWEVER, NO  
DECISION HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

QUESTION: IS THIS MISSION AT OUR INITIATIVE?

ANSWER: IT IS AN IDEA ON OUR SIDE WHICH AS I SAID IS  
UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE. WE HAVE NOT YET  
DISCUSSED IT WITH THE SAUDIS OR ANY OTHER  
GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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